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February 5, 1980

Mr. Stanley M. Gortikov, President  
Recording Industry Assn. of America, Inc.  
9200 Sunset Boulevard, Suite 1005  
Los Angeles, California 90069

Dear Stanley:

The Tribunal received a letter from Mr. Eddy L. Manson, President of the American Society of Music Arrangers (copy enclosed) in which he pleads his case for a separate mechanical royalty to be paid to the arranger of each phonorecord sold.

In view of his petition to us I think it advisable for your organization to submit reply comments to us by the March 3, 1980 deadline for jurisdictional or legal questions. We then will review the matter and issue a decision at the appropriate time.

Sincerely,



Mary Lou Burg  
Chairman

Enclosure

cc: Eddy L. Manson